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Group: 1745

Title: PROTECTED ACTIVE METAL  
ELECTRODE AND BATTERY CELL  
STRUCTURES WITH NON-AQUEOUS  
INTERLAYER ARCHITECTURE

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Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449 copies of which are enclosed, may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application. These references were cited in a corresponding PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report which was dated March 6, 2006, is enclosed herewith as well. These references are submitted in compliance with the applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make these citations official record in this application.

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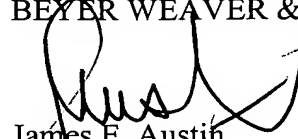
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